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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To Whom It May Concern,

I want to submit my comments in support of the settlement the Department of Justice's settlement with Microsoft, as part of the Tunney Review phase of the settlement.

As a somewhat dispassionate observer, I'm amazed how the courts and the political process have been used by weaker competitors to literally punish success. I use Microsoft products (operating system and the word processing and spreadsheet programs), as does most of the working world, because they are better products, not because I felt it pushed upon me by a ruthless monopolist, and had absolutely no difficulty whatsoever choosing to use the Netscape browser over the Explorer browser. I also use the RealNetworks audio player instead of the Microsoft product. The notion that someone couldn't choose to use someone else's product because it was bundled with the operating system treats us all like 2nd graders. It's a flimsy argument that insults the intelligence.

Please, end the uncertainty. We don't need any more in the economy. Settle the case, and let the company with the best products win, not those with the loudest lawyers, or those with the most money to donate to some aspiring state attorney general. End the uncertainty. Approve the settlement.

Thank you.

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